

III AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1–3, 5–15, 17–39, 41–42 and 44–48 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of ~~articles selected from the group consisting of wood/timber and wood products, textiles and textile raw materials, plastics and rubbers, natural and mineral insulation and sealant materials, construction materials made of mineral and natural substances, filters, soils and fertilizers, animal-derived raw materials, paints, lubricants, adhesives, detergents and cleaning agents;~~ comprising the step of

~~—applying a composition to the surface of the article, and/or wood~~

~~—incorporating said composition into said article;~~

wherein said composition comprises ~~at least two GRAS (generally recognized as safe) flavoring agents, that are not solely cinnamic aldehyde or a mixture of cinnamic aldehyde and terpenes~~ benzyl alcohol and tannic acid.

2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said GRAS flavoring agents are selected from (a) GRAS flavor alcohols or their derivatives, (b) polyphenol compounds, (c) GRAS flavor acids or their derivatives, (d) phenols or their derivatives, (e) esters, (f) terpenes, (g) acetals, (h) aldehydes and (i) the composition further comprises essential oils.~~

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said composition further comprises at least one GRAS flavor alcohol glycerol.

4. (previously amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said composition comprises less than 50% by weight of an alcohol selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isopropanol or benzyl alcohol or a mixture of these alcohols.

5. (currently amended) The A method according to claim 1 for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises at least one hydrophilic alcoholic GRAS flavoring agent and/or one hydrophilic non-alcoholic GRAS flavoring agent propylene glycol and tannic acid.

6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 5, wherein said composition further comprises ~~benzyl alcohol and/or a polyphenol compound~~ tannin.



7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said composition comprises ~~one or more GRAS flavor alcohols or their derivatives~~ propyl alcohol (a) and ~~one or more flavoring agents selected from polyphenol compounds~~ tannin (b) and ~~Gras flavor acids or their derivatives~~ tannic acid (c).

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein said antimicrobial and/or antiparasitic composition comprises:  
from 0.1 to 99% by weight of component (a) benzyl alcohol and propyl alcohol;  
from 0.01 to 25% by weight of component (b) tannin; and  
from 0.01 to 70% by weight of component (c) tannic acid.

9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7 5, wherein said GRAS flavor alcohol (a) ~~is selected from the group consisting of~~ comprises:  
~~benzyl alcohol, acetoin, ethyl alcohol, propyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, propylene glycol, glycerol, n-butyl alcohol, iso-butyl alcohol, hexyl alcohol, L-menthol, octyl alcohol, and cinnamyl alcohol, α-methylbenzyl alcohol, heptyl alcohol, n-amyl alcohol, iso-amyl alcohol, anisalcohol, citronellol, n-decyl alcohol, geraniol, β,γ-hexenol, lauryl alcohol, linalool, nerolidol, nonadienol, nonyl alcohol, rhodinol,~~

~~terpineol, borneol, cineol, anisole, cuminalcohol, 10-undecene-1-ol, 1-hexadecanol or their derivatives; and~~

~~said polyphenol compound (b) is selected from the group consisting of:~~

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~~catechol, resorcinol, hydroquinone, phloroglucinol, pyrogallol, cyclohexane, resveratrol, usnic acid, acylpolyphenols, lignins, anthocyanins, flavones, catechols, gallic acid derivatives, caffeic acid, flavonoids, derivatives of the mentioned polyphenols, and extracts from Camellia, Primula; comprises tannin and~~

~~said GRAS acid (c) is selected from the group consisting of:~~

~~acetic acid, aconitic acid, adipic acid, formic acid, malic acid, caprylic acid, hydrocinnamic acid, pelargonic acid, lactic acid, phenoxyacetic acid, phenylacetic acid, valeric acid, iso-valeric acid, cinnamic acid, citric acid, mandelic acid, tartaric acid, fumaric acid, comprises tannic acid and their derivatives.~~

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7 1, wherein said composition comprises:

- (a1) an aromatic GRAS flavor alcohol; and optionally benzyl alcohol;
- (a2) at least one additional GRAS flavor alcohol or its derivative; and propylene glycol;

(b) at least one polyphenol compound tannin; and optionally  
(c) at least one GRAS acid or its derivative tannic acid.

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10 1, wherein said composition comprises:

from 0.1 to 99% by weight of benzyl alcohol;  
from 0.01 to 99.8% by weight of component (a2) anisalcohol;  
from 0.01 to 25% by weight of component (b) tannin; and  
from 0.01 to 70% by weight of component (c) tannic acid.



12. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10 1, wherein said composition further comprises ~~at least one polyphenol compound tannin (b)~~ as a necessary component and ~~optionally at least one GRAS acid (c) or its derivative lactic acid~~.

13. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein said composition comprises further GRAS flavoring agents selected from ~~(d) phenols, (e) esters, (f) terpenes, (g) acetals, (h) aldehydes and (i) essential oils~~.

14. (currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said composition comprises from 0.001 to 25% by weight of ~~said further GRAS flavoring agents (d) to (i)~~ a phenol containing essential oil.

15. (currently amended) The method according to claim 13 1, wherein said further GRAS flavoring agents ~~are~~ is phenols and/or essential oils.

16. (previously amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said composition does not contain any derivatives of said GRAS flavoring agents.

17. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10 1, wherein said ~~antimicrobial and/or antiparasitic composition~~ further comprises ~~one or two GRAS flavor alcohols and at least one polyphenol compound~~ ethyl alcohol.

18. (currently amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein said ~~polyphenol compound is~~ composition further comprises tannin.

19. (previously amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein said composition comprises from 0.1 to 98% by weight of benzyl alcohol and from 0.01 to 10% by weight of tannin.

20. (currently amended) ~~The A method according to claim 1 for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises:~~

  
(i) ~~at least one lipophilic GRAS (generally recognized as safe) flavoring agent; benzyl alcohol and~~

(ii) ~~at least one hydrophilic GRAS flavoring agent propylene glycol.~~

21. (currently amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein said ~~lipophilic GRAS flavoring agents are selected from (a) lipophilic GRAS flavor alcohols or their derivatives, (b) polyphenol compounds, (c) lipophilic GRAS flavor acids or their derivatives, (d) phenols or their derivatives, (e) lipophilic esters, (f) terpenes, (g) acetals, (h) lipophilic aldehydes and (i) composition further comprises essential oils.~~

22. (currently amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein said composition further comprises ~~at least two lipophilic GRAS flavoring agents acetoin.~~

23. (currently amended) The method according to claim 21, wherein said ~~lipophilic GRAS flavor alcohols are selected from the group consisting of aromatic GRAS~~

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~~flavor alcohols, including benzyl alcohol, 2-phenylethanol, 1-phenylethanol, cinnamyl alcohol, hydrocinnamyl alcohol, composition further comprises 1-phenyl-1-propanol and anisalcohol, and aliphatic GRAS flavor alcohols, including n-butyl alcohol, iso-butyl alcohol, hexyl alcohol, L-menthol, octyl alcohol, heptyl alcohol, n-amyl alcohol, iso-amyl alcohol, anisalcohol, citronellol, n-decyl alcohol, geraniol,  $\beta$ , $\gamma$ -hexenol, lauryl alcohol, linalool, nerolidol, nonadienol, nonyl alcohol, rhodinol, terpineol, borneol, cineol, anisole, cuminalcohol, 10-undecene-1-ol and 1-hexadecanol and their derivatives.~~

24. (currently amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein said ~~hydrophilic GRAS flavoring agent is selected from the group consisting of a hydrophilic alcoholic GRAS flavoring agent and a hydrophilic non-alcoholic GRAS flavoring agent, wherein said hydrophilic non-alcoholic GRAS flavoring agent is a hydrophilic organic GRAS flavor acid having from 1 to 15 carbon atoms or a physiological salt thereof, a hydrophilic acetate or a hydrophilic aldehyde~~  
composition further comprises lactic acid and cinnamyl alcohol.
25. (currently amended) The method according to claim 24, wherein said ~~hydrophilic organic acid contains from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and is selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, aconitic acid, formic acid, malic acid, lactic acid, phenylacetic acid, citric acid, mandelic acid, tartaric acid, fumaric acid,~~

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composition further comprises tannic acid, hydrocinnamic acid and their  
physiological salts;  
said hydrophilic acetate is selected from the group consisting of allixin, triacetin,  
potassium acetate, sodium acetate and calcium acetate; and/or  
said hydrophilic aldehyde is selected from the group consisting of furfural,  
propionaldehyde and vanillin.



26. (currently amended) The method according to claim 24, wherein said composition comprises less than 50% by weight of benzyl alcohol ~~or of a mixture of benzyl alcohol with ethanol and/or isopropanol.~~
27. (currently amended) The method according to claim 24, wherein said composition further comprises ~~two~~ lipophilic GRAS flavor alcohols 1-phenylethanol and 2-phenylethanol, but no benzyl alcohol and no polyphenol compounds.
28. (currently amended) The method according to claim 24, wherein said composition further comprises ~~benzyl alcohol and/or a polyphenol compound, but no further GRAS flavor alcohols~~ hydrocinnamic acid.

29. (currently amended) The method according to claim 27, wherein said composition ~~consists of a hydrophilic GRAS flavor~~ further comprises acetic acid.



30. (currently amended) The method according to claim 28, wherein said composition comprises:  
from 0.01 to 99% by weight of ~~benzyl alcohol or polyphenol compounds~~; and  
from 0.01 to 50% by weight of ~~hydrophilic non-alcoholic GRAS flavoring agents~~  
tannic acid.

31. (currently amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein said composition further comprises:  
(A) ~~one or more GRAS flavor alcohols (a) or their derivatives~~; and  
(B) ~~one or more flavoring agents selected from polyphenol compounds (b) and~~  
~~lipophilic GRAS flavor acids or their derivatives (c) tannic acid~~.

32. (currently amended) The method according to claim 31, wherein said composition comprises:  
from 0.1 to 99% by weight of ~~component (a) benzyl alcohol and propylene glycol~~;  
from 0.01 to 25% by weight of ~~component (b) tannic acid~~; and  
from 0.01 to 70% by weight of ~~component (c) adipic acid~~.

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33. (currently amended) The method according to claim 31, wherein said composition further comprises ~~further GRAS flavoring agents selected from (d) phenols or their derivatives, (e) lipophilic esters, (f) terpenes, (g) acetals, (h) lipophilic aldehydes and (i) essential oils.~~

34. (currently amended) The method according to claim 31, wherein ~~said polyphenol compound (b) is selected from the group consisting of: catechol, resorcinol, hydroquinone, phloroglucinol, pyrogallol, cyclohexane, resveratrol, usnic acid, acylpolyphenols, lignins, anthocyanins, flavones, catechols, gallic acid derivatives, caffeic acid, flavonoids, derivatives of the mentioned polyphenols, and extracts from Camellia, Primula; and~~

~~said lipophilic GRAS acid (e) is selected from the group consisting of: adipic acid, capronic acid, pelargonic acid, phenoxyacetic acid, composition further comprises valeric acid, iso-valeric acid, cinnamic acid, mandelic acid and their derivatives.~~

35. (currently amended) The method according to claim 31, wherein ~~component (A) of said composition comprises benzyl alcohol and optionally one or more further~~

~~lipophilic GRAS flavor alcohols or their derivatives (a,)~~ the composition further comprises hydrocinnamyl alcohol.

  
36. (currently amended) The method according to claim 35 32, wherein said composition comprises:  
from 0.1 to 99% by weight of benzyl alcohol;  
from 0.01 to 99.8% by weight of component (a) propylene glycol;  
from 0.01 to 25% by weight of component (b) tannin; and  
from 0.01 to 70% by weight of component (c) tannic acid.

37. (currently amended) The method according to claim 31, wherein component (B) of said composition further comprises ~~at least one polyphenol compound (b)~~ tannic acid and optionally (c) ~~one or more GRAS acids or their derivatives~~ citric acid.

38. (currently amended) The method according to claim 36 31, wherein said composition further comprises ~~at least one GRAS flavoring agent selected from the group consisting of phenols and their derivatives, lipophilic esters, terpenes, acetals, lipophilic cinnamic aldehydes and essential oils.~~

39. (currently amended) The method according to claim 38 31, wherein said composition further ~~GRAS flavoring agents are phenols and/or comprises~~ essential oils.

40. (previously amended) The method according to claim 21, wherein said composition does not contain any derivatives of said GRAS flavoring agents.

41. (currently amended) The method according to claim 34, wherein said composition ~~further comprises one or two lipophilic GRAS flavor alcohols (a)~~ and ~~at least one polyphenol compound (b) capronic acid.~~

42. (currently amended) The method according to claim 41 24, wherein said ~~polyphenol compound (b) is~~ composition further comprises tannin.

43. (previously amended) The method according to claim 42, wherein said composition comprises from 20 to 98% by weight of benzyl alcohol and from 0.01 to 10% by weight of tannin.

44. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said composition ~~further comprises at least one additive selected from the group consisting of~~

~~monohydric or polyhydric alcohols having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms, emulsifiers, stabilizers, antioxidants, preservatives, solvents and/or carriers~~ isopropyl alcohol.

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45. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said composition contains ~~GRAS~~ flavoring agents further comprises aconitic acid.
46. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said articles are selected from ~~air filters, wool and cotton~~ of treatment of wood comprising the step of applying the composition as defined in claim 1 by spraying.
47. (currently amended) A method of treatment of ~~the articles defined in claim 1~~ wood comprising the step of applying the composition as defined in claim 1 ~~for the impregnation or surface treatment of the articles~~ 5 by spraying.
48. (currently amended) A method of treatment of ~~the articles defined in claim 1~~ wood comprising the step of incorporating the composition as defined in claim 4 ~~into said article~~ 20 by spraying.